

An Account of the Great DEFEAT
THAT
Major General Kirk
Gave the Irish Forces near
CHARLEMONT,
Under the Command of the
Lord Strabane, and Colonel Gordon-O-Neal.
Likewise the Transactions of the
Late King James in Ireland,
Since the Arrival
Of His Grace the Duke de SCHOMBERG.

Yesterday Sixty Sail arrived here from *Carrickfergus*, confirming the Account I gave you in my last, of the Surrender of that Place, after a Siege of Eight Days, during which time were heav'd into it a great number of Bombs. Seven Men of War Batter'd it for the space of a whole Night, so that it is now little else save a Heap of Ruines.

The Earl of *Antrim* being Governor thereof, Duke *Schombergh* Complimented him and his Lady with his own Horses, and a considerable Convoy, to secure them from the Rabble. The first Bomb that fell into the Town having a long Fuze, did not Fire suddenly, but Fizzing a little, a dozen ignorant *Irish* of that Garison came about it, and at their Cost experienc't its Fatal Influence.

Major General *Kirk* with his Forces, and those from *Enniskellen*, upon their March towards *Charlemont*, we are told, were Attack'd by 800 Horse under the Lord *Strabane*, and a Body of 1200 Foot under Colonel *Gordon-O-Neal*, and Colonel *Maxwel*. The Fight was obstinate and bloody for some time, but, at length, the Lord *Strabane*, with 30 leading Officers being kill'd, the *Irish* betook themselves to Flight, leaving above 300 dead on the place, and on our side 70.

The Garison of *Charlemont*, upon the News of our Success, drew out their Provisions and Artillery, with the choicest of their Baggage; and 'tis thought they'll desert, and blow up the Castle.

We are informed by credible Persons from *Dublin*, that King *James's* Officers desert daily, and that a Captain and Lieutenant were shot upon that account. The late King has left *Dublin* very disconsolate, and carried with him the Batchelors of the Mint. 'Tis said he is gone for *Athlone*, intending to wait there the Success of his Army. He has fortified that Garison, and sent 300 Load of Ammunition thither, having given Orders to the Lords *Golmoy* and *Dungan* to break down the Bridge of the *Newry*, and guard that Pass with a considerable Body of Horse and Foot. Some of the Lords of the *Pale* have sent to treat with Duke *Schombergh*, in order to accept of his Conditions of Indempnity.

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